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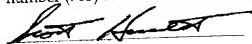
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Comments:

Attached is an Amendment and Response to Office Action (17 pages) for the above-referenced U.S. patent application.

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On Nov. 12, 2002
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In Re Application of: Hichwa et al.

Application No.: 09/765,522

Filed: January 17, 2001

For: OPTICAL CROSS CONNECT WITH
MAGNETIC MICRO-ELECTRO-
MECHANICAL ACTUATOR CELLS

Examiner: O'NEILL, G.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
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Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed May 23, 2002 for the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as indicated and consider the following remarks. The undersigned respectfully requests a three-month extension of the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application, i.e. until **November 23, 2002**, under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a), and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge the large-entity fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2), and to charge any other necessary fee under 37 CFR 1.17, or to credit any overpayment, to USPTO Deposit Account No. 50-0891.

Claims 2, 9, 14, 15, 19, 23, and 24 have been re-drafted in independent form. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the large-entity fee of \$84.00 under 37 CFR 1.16(b) for seven additional independent claims in excess of three, totaling \$588.00, and to charge any other necessary fee under 37 CFR 1.16, or credit any overpayment to, USPTO Deposit Account No. 50-0891.